



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
401 CHURCH STREET
L & C ANNEX 6TH FLOOR
NASHVILLE TN 37243**

June 27, 2011

Mr. LeBron Conley
Bear Tracks FarmOwner
971 Strawhill Church Rd. SE
Cleveland, TN 37302

CERTIFIED MAIL #
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Subject: Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Permit Application
Deadline
Previous Permit Tracking No. TNA000167
Bear Tracks Farm
Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Conley:

The Division of Water Pollution Control (division) issued the General State Operating Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) that do not discharge and are not designed, constructed, operated or maintained such that a discharge could occur, Permit Number SOPC000000, on May 28, 2010. Section 2.1.1 of the permit allowed existing CAFOs until July 1, 2011, to submit an application for coverage under the permit.

Per our records, your facility was previously covered under the General NPDES Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, Permit Number TNA000000, which expired on August 5, 2009. You are receiving this letter because you have not yet submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI). On June 7, 2011, the division sent you a letter reminding you of the July 1, 2011 application deadline, but we now have reason to believe that your letter was lost in transit. As such, the division is extending the deadline for your NOI. You are required to submit a NOI for coverage under the new CAFO general permit by July 21, 2011. If you fail to submit an NOI by July 21, 2011, you will be considered to be operating without a permit. You must complete and submit the NOI that is enclosed with this letter by July 21, 2011. The division is only requiring submittal of the NOI by the July 21 deadline and is giving you an additional three months to update and submit your nutrient management plan (NMP), which is ordinarily required to be submitted along with the NOI. Your updated NMP must be submitted by October 1, 2011. Facilities that fail to submit an NMP by October 1, 2011, will be considered to be operating without authorization. Facilities that fail to meet either deadline may be subject to enforcement action.

As stated above, a copy of the NOI is enclosed with this letter. If you need a copy of the general permit please contact the division at one of the two phone numbers listed below. Your NOI and NMP must be submitted to both the division and to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA). Original documents should be sent to Water Pollution Control and a copy should be sent to TDA, at the addresses listed below:

CAFO Notice of Intent
TDEC Division of Water Pollution
Control
401 Church Street
6th Floor L&C Annex
Nashville, TN 37243

CAFO Notice of Intent
Water Resources
TDA-Ellington Agricultural Center
PO Box 40627
Nashville, TN 37204

If you have questions, please contact the division at the Chattanooga Environmental Field Office at 1-888-891-TDEC; or, at this office, please contact Ms. Erin O'Brien at (615) 253-2245 or by E-mail at *Erin.O'Brien@tn.gov*.

Sincerely,



Vojin Janjić
Manager, Permit Section

CC: DWPC, Permit Section, and Chattanooga Environmental Field Office
Tennessee Department of Agriculture